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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/S&T/Plans & Programs

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Review of FY 1967 Budget in Relation to  
CIA Long Range Plan

REFERENCE :

1. The CIA Long Range Plan as it pertains to OSA  
requires action in two main areas:

a. Overflight reconnaissance of denied  
territory to collect intelligence.

b. Development of sensors to meet  
collection requirements.

2. The projected FY 67 personnel ceiling of [ ] and  
the budget limit of [ ] will enable OSA to continue  
its present collection capability and its limited support  
of development work. There will be little chance to im-  
prove support for existing collection vehicles, sensors  
or systems beyond that which is required for immediate and  
pressing needs.

3. With OSA assets, both personnel and money, being  
directed by necessity toward response to fairly short-  
range goals, the FY 67 budget and personnel ceilings  
prohibit aggressive investigation and development of sorely  
needed replacements for vehicles and sensor systems. The  
essence of success in collecting intelligence by overflight  
sensor systems is to anticipate, develop and have in being  
the means to do the job in the face of inevitable techno-  
logical advances by the opposition. FY 67 should lay the  
foundation for the FY 69-72 readiness to respond effectively  
to the demands of the intelligence community.

4. Reduction of the ceilings in paragraph two,  
particularly in personnel, would most seriously affect the  
OXCART operational capability.

OXCART/IDEALIST/ISINGLASE

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5. For DD/S&T planning information and not intended for specific reply to the referenced paper, there are several items to be considered in FY 67 and later:

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a. OSA is in need of independent R&D funds of approximately [redacted] in the very near future to search out new and better means to keep the Agency in the best position to collect intelligence data by overflight reconnaissance in the 1968-1970 time period. This sum will be required just to keep up with relatively apparent needs such as defensive systems, product improvement and sensor improvement.

b. ISINGLASS should have been started in FY 66 to be able to respond in FY 70. Some adequate capability in the hypersonic range must be in being before OXCART becomes so restricted in its operational sphere that the Agency is totally denied access to even a small segment of intelligence information.

c. As a matter of practical efficiency, the collection program should have alternative means by which to collect data. In this respect, OSA plans to use a family of mutually supporting capabilities so that the appropriate sensor is employed in an economical manner. As IDEALIST is denied certain areas, OXCART may assume more tasks. At the same time, IDEALIST may be incapable of certain tasks or it may be uneconomical to use the U-2.

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[redacted] To use these complementary capabilities will require funds and personnel.

d. Even with stringent controls over present funds, OSA will probably exceed the FY 66 allocation due primarily to unbudgeted BLACK SHIELD requirements. This is a sure indication the FY 67 will

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need some ceiling relief if we are to improve our present capability or we assume additional tasks.

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